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In re Application of: Terry W. Rogers et al.

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, enclosed herewith are reference patents and, or other publications relating generally to the above-identified, concurrently submitted application. These references were located during the course of a normal preliminary patentability search. For the convenience of the Examiner, these references are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.


The references are cited for their illustration of various apparatus or methods similar in scope, object or construction to the present invention. None of these references, however, describe, teach or suggest the novel invention described and claimed in the present application. Accordingly, applicant's invention as recited in the claims of the present application is respectfully submitted to distinguish over the enclosed references.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed references be considered in the examination of this application and that their consideration be made of written record in the application file.

Respectfully Submitted,

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